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Dear Justice Roberts:

I am honored by your invitation to join with you and the others you mentioned as a founder in the Associates of Christ Church for I could not be more in sympathy with your aims.

As you know, however, my present work enjoins upon me a degree of anonymity which would make it almost impossible for me to participate actively in the program the Associates contemplate, and I could hardly be of value to you in a passive role. Accordingly, I think I should ask you to excuse me for the present, difficult though it is to decline association with you, General Marshall, and the others you mention in an organization devoted to the ideals you seek to perpetuate.

Later on when it is possible for me to be of some active service, there is nothing that would please me better than to assist in any way possible.

Sincerely,

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